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In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 24, 26, 30 and 31.

Please amend the claims as follows:

D1  
23. (Amended) A method for promoting the cleavage of an ester or carbamate linkage of a prodrug to form an active drug in a cell or organism comprising administering to a cell or organism a prodrug comprising an ester or carbamate linkage and a recombinantly produced carboxylesterase capable of cleaving the ester or carbamate linkage of the prodrug, and forming an active drug in the cell or organism.

D2  
25. (Amended) The method of claim 23 wherein said prodrug is irinotecan, 7-ethyl-10-[4-(1-piperidino)-1-piperidino] carbonyloxycamptothecin (CPT-11) or 7-ethyl-10-[4-N-(5-aminopentanoic acid)-1-piperidino] carbonylcampothecin (APC).

D3  
27. (Amended) The method of claim 23 wherein said organism is a human.

**REMARKS**

Claims 23-31 are pending in this application. Claims 23, 25, and 27-29 have been rejected. Claims 23, 25 and 27 have been amended. Claims 24, 26, 30 and 31 have been canceled. No new